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SYSTEM  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on December 19, 2001.  
According to the Technology Center 2600 receptionist, as of the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the status of the present application is docketed new case--ready for examination, and the present application has been in the Technology Center 2600 central files overflow since September 5, 2002. Accordingly, the present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3).

This Information Disclosure Statement replaces the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 19, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98, attached hereto are two forms PTO-1449 listing the sixteen references which had been cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/176,773 filed on October 22, 1998, the parent application of the present divisional application, as of the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these sixteen references are not being provided with this Information Disclosure Statement because the references were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application identified above and the prior application is being relied upon in the present application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 as required by 37 CFR 1.98(d)(1), and the references which were submitted to the Office in the prior application were submitted in compliance with the version of 37 CFR 1.98(a)-(c) in effect as of the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement as required by 37 CFR 1.98(d)(2).

An English abstract of Japanese reference 8-124242 was submitted to the Office in the prior application identified above as required with respect to the present application by the version of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.98(d)(2) in effect as of the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

European reference 0 756 276, PCT reference 97/36422, and the Digest of Technical Papers of the IEEE 1994 International Conference on Consumer Electronics (ICCE) reference were cited in a partial European search report in the

English language mailed on November 27, 2000, in connection with a European counterpart of the present application. A copy of the partial European search report was submitted to the Office in the prior application identified above.

Japanese reference 8-124242 is not in the English language.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese reference 8-124242 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by the English abstract of this reference, and by the following concise explanation of relevance:

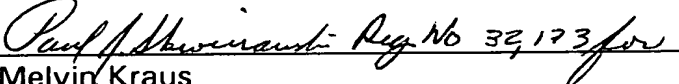
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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